

## Message Text

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TAGS: PINR WB GE  
SUBJ: SEW CHAIRMAN GERHARD DANELIUS DIES

1. GERHARD DANELIUS, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF WEST BERLIN (SEW), DIED MAY 18 IN THE EAST BERLIN GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL WHICH IS RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GDR GOVERNMENT AND HIGH RANKING COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIALS. DANELIUS SERVED AS SEW CHAIRMAN SINCE THE SEW WAS FORMALLY SEPERATED FROM THE GDR'S SED IN 1962. HE HAD BEEN ILL FOR A LONG TIME, AND HAD, AS A RESULT LOST HIS FORMERLY FIRM GRIP ON WEST BERLIN PARTY AFFAIRS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

2. DANELIUS' DEATH WAS GIVEN HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE BY EAST BERLIN'S OFFICIAL SED PARTY ORGAN "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND" AND ITS WEST BERLIN COUNTERPART "DIE WAHRHEIT". WEST BERLIN'S OTHER NEWSPAPERS REPORTED IT IN THREE TO FOUR LINES SOMEWHERE ON THEIR BACK PAGE.

3. THE SEW HAS SET UP A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE THE FUNERAL SERVICES FOR DANELIUS, THE DETAILS OF WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED; THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WHO DANELIUS' SUCCESSOR WILL BE. GEORGE

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